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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN TARIFF

REFS: (A) BONN 8426 DTG 161725Z MAY 77  
(B) USBER 1279 DTG 111605Z MAY 77

1. IN BONN GROUP MEETING OF MAY 16, AD REF AGREEMENT  
WAS REACHED ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE APRIL 5 SOVIET APPROACH, WHEN ANSWERED BY  
ALLIES, WILL CONSTITUTE A SATISFACTORY FOUR-POWER  
UMBRELLA FOR DIRECT TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN  
REICHSBAHN AND BUNDESBahn.

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B. NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN  
TARIFF PAID FOR FREIGHT TRAINS ONLY, NOT FOR PASSENGER  
TRAINS.

C. ALLIES WILL RESPOND IN WRITING TO APRIL 5  
SOVIET APPROACH, PREFERABLY BASED ON A DRAFT PREPARED BY

ALLIED MISSIONS BERLIN.

D. EFFECTIVE DATE OF TARIFF INCREASE SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED; THE BUNDESBahn SHOULD NOT BEGIN WITH ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY 1 DEADLINE.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE NEXT STEP, THE UK REP (EYERS) TOLD HENZE THAT THE ALLIES NEED FRG CONFIRMATION THAT IT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT AN INCREASED TARIFF (SINCE THE FRG WILL SHOULDER THE COST OF ANY INCREASE THROUGH THE OCCUPATION COST BUDGET). HENZE DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL PRESENT ANY PROBLEM BUT, SINCE THE FRG FINANCE MINISTRY WILL NECESSARILY BE INVOLVED, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ALLIES TO REQUEST THE FRG FORMALLY TO HAVE THE BUNDESBahn NEGOTIATE WITH THE REICHSbahn. HE WILL INFORM US WHETHER THIS IS NECESSARY; IF IT IS, A LETTER WILL PRESUMABLY SUFFICE. HENZE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE BUNDESBahn PREPARE A LETTER TO THE ALLIES VIA THE BONN GROUP WHICH WOULD SUBMIT, FOR ALLIED APPROVAL, A RECOMMENDED CONCRETE TARIFF PROPOSAL. HENZE SAID HE BELIEVES THAT THE TARIFF COMMISSION, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUNDESBahn AND THE THREE ALLIES, HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE TARIFF QUESTION; HE WILL CONFIRM THIS.

3. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF HOW THE ALLIES CAN ENSURE CONTINUED SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE MATTER, AT LEAST AT THE POINT OF RATIFYING WHATEVER THE BUNDESBahn AND REICHSbahn NEGOTIATE AND THE ALLIES APPROVE. THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL CONTINUE TO BE A MATTER OF FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ANY COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND USBER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE USBER'S COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING AND, ASSUMING THAT USBER AGREES WITH THE ABOVE APPROACH, WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE AD REF AGREEMENT REACHED THUS FAR AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE USBER'S COORDINATING WITH OTHER MISSIONS IN BERLIN IN PREPARATION OF SUGGESTED REPLY TO SOVIET APPROACH.  
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